



People Leading Accessible Networks of Support

Stories of Success

Empowering people to achieve
their dreams through choice of
services and supports.

Community Involvement

Danny



“I’ve been receiving services at an Adjustment Training Center (ATC) since 1985. I recently moved into my own apartment on the east side of Sioux Falls and have two roommates.

I volunteer at a lot of different places in Sioux Falls, but my favorite is being an athletic trainer assistant at O’Gorman High School for the football and basketball teams. Another place that I volunteer at is Children’s Care Hospital and School, where I work in the classroom and help students. I’m also on the statewide PLANS Family Support 360 Project. I really enjoy helping others and volunteering whenever I can. I like being involved in the community and I don’t feel that I’m limited in doing the things I enjoy. Being involved and helping others is very important to me.”

Choice

Art



“Not having a choice makes you think you done something wrong. If I make the choice and it’s wrong, well, it’s my fault, but it’s my choice....it’s my right. I call my own meetings. The staff used to say: ‘Art your meeting is coming up.’ They told me when it was going to be, where it was going to be, who was gonna be there, and they talked all through my meeting. Then they’d say, ‘sign this paper’ bam that was it!

Lot of things they talked about, I didn’t know about but I just started saying ‘now wait, what do you guys mean about this and that and I learned. Now I call my own meetings. I decide when it’s going to be, where it’s going to be and what we’re going to talk about. No surprises that way. Where I live, where I work and what I do after work, that’s my choice.”

Support

Allison



“Allison is three years old and loves to play the computer, be read to, swing, and swim in addition to other three year old activities. She has cerebral palsy which impacts her ability to move and to communicate, and also has resulted in significant health challenges.

Knowledge, recommendations and techniques of therapeutic, educational and medical professionals have helped our family cope with her challenges. The Statewide Family Support Program has also been helpful in providing financial assistance for specialized toys, equipment and services that are not covered by our health insurance or medical assistance. A family support coordinator assists our family by identifying and accessing natural and formalized services to meet Allison’s needs. Along with purchasing ‘whatever it takes’ to meet her needs.”

Employment Opportunities

Allan



“I first thought about starting a taxi business in January 2003. It took about six months to talk with my family, write a business plan, get approval from the Madison City Commission and get a PASS Plan approved by Social Security. I received assistance to accomplish each of these tasks. I officially opened the business on July 14, 2003.

I moved from my parent’s home into my own apartment in February 2004 and I love my independence. With assistance, I do all of my own banking and bill paying. I receive a few other supports for independent living that I have specifically chosen. Being self-employed allows me to be in control of

when I work. I make more money now than at any hourly wage job I have ever had and most of the time I love what I am doing.”